

# Newsletter



October 2017

#### Welcome

#### **Annual General Meeting**

This year, our AGM will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

All parents are invited to come to the meeting.

#### **30 Hour Funding Eligibility Codes**

We would like to remind parents that they need to reconfirm their eligibility code every 3 months. Failure to do this will mean that your 30 hours free entitlement will end the following term.

# St George's could win up to £10,000 from Aviva

We've got through to the first round of the Aviva Community Fund which means we have a chance of winning up to £10,000 – but we need your help! The charities that get the most votes will be put through the finals where we'll be judged by Aviva staff. Voting opens on 24 October and we'll send you the link then. Please vote for St George's and spread the word to get us to the final round.

**New Equipment** 



Thanks to money raised from their sports day and Sarah's sponsored colour run, Little Dragons have been able to buy a new sensory cube and net for their reading area. The children love sitting on the cube with a book as it slowly changes colour.



Tel: 01892 543982 Email: sarah.plimmer@stgeorgesproject.co.uk Moles have also been able to buy some new toys thanks to Zsuzsi's sponsored colour run. If you'd like to fundraise for new equipment for St George's, please speak to Ellie in the office.

#### **New Website**

We are about to launch our new website and we would love some new testimonials from parents about their children's time at St George's. Please email <a href="mailto:morgane.glew@stgeorgesproject.co.uk">morgane.glew@stgeorgesproject.co.uk</a>
Thank You!

#### **Nursery News**

#### **Squirrels**

Squirrels have been exploring autumnal activities such as a scary insect hunt, spider hands, making a giant acorn tree and pumpkin printing with paint. The new small groups in Squirrels are rotating rooms and the children are enjoying this change.



#### **Moles**



Moles have been trying out their new chemistry set, exploring how colours change when they are mixed together. They also discussed the colours and

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changes that take place during Autumn. The chemistry set was purchased from the donations Mole's received for Zsuzsi's Color Run. Zsuzsi's next adventure is to Everest Base Camp. Good luck!!

#### **Badgers**

Badgers have 2 new fish in their tank and everyone is very excited about taking it in turns to feed them.



The children have made a 'World Board' putting on pictures on to show where their families come from. We have all enjoyed working together to learn about workshop tools and their functions in the Den outside.

Our theme for November will be fireworks and we will be creating our very own Guy Fawkes and an edible bonfire made from healthy snacks. Look out for our glittery firework display in the hallway!

**Little Dragons** 



The new Dragons have now settled in and we all enjoyed learning about autumn, nursery rhymes and Makaton sign language. For Harvest festival, we have made harvest soup with donations from home and are turning the home corner into a farm shop. They have also looked at Diwali. The children showed a particular interest in pirates which led to an exciting treasure hunt around St George's.



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#### **After School Club**



After School Club children have been having great fun writing about their favourite films. They have also been drawing pictures of their favourite characters and dressing-up as them. They also made a paper target to fly the paper planes they have been making through.

#### **Kitchen News**

Kitchen has used raspberries from our garden in jelly this month and apple crumble with donated apples. If any keen gardeners have a glut of veg please contact Sherrell as the kitchen can help make use of it.

#### **Fundraising**

Apply for St George's RideLondon – Surrey 100-mile place



Are you a keen cyclist or do you know someone who is? We have a place in the RideLondon-Surrey 100-mile cycle that takes place on Sunday 29 July 2018. This popular race takes cyclists along the Olympic route, starting at the Olympic Park in Stratford, winding through Surrey and finishing near Buckingham Palace. There's a £30 registration fee and we ask you to raise a minimum of £500 for St George's.

To apply for the place, please speak to Ellie in the office, or email <a href="mailto:ellie.stewart@stgeorgesproject.co.uk">ellie.stewart@stgeorgesproject.co.uk</a>

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### St George's has won a Love Where We Live Award!

On Wednesday 4 October, St George's was awarded Charity of the Year at the Love Where We Live Awards. The awards are run by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and recognise people who are making a difference in the local community. We're very proud of all our staff, and delighted with our trophy and £500 donation.



### Commando Series- have you got what it takes?



On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November you can get sponsored to test your mettle at the Commando endurance course at Hever Castle. Taken on a 6km or 12km course complete with 21 of the toughest obstacles straight out of the Commando test book. Raise money for St George's and earn ultimate bragging rights! Sign up at http://commandoseries.co.uk/

#### Help at St George's Christmas events!

Although it seems early, we're starting to plan for Christmas at St George's! We're looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets on our stall at Calverley Grounds on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and to help set up and run stalls at our Christmas Fair on 1 December, from 3 – 6:30pm. If you can spare an hour or two, or if you have crafts you'd like to sell at the fair, please call Ellie on 01892 543 982 or email ellie.stewart@stgeorgesproject.co.uk

## Dates for the diary

20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Last Day of Term for Little Dragons
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Dragons
_	Holiday Club
October 2017	,
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Little Dragons Restarts
2017	
31st October	Dress Up Day
2017	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3-6.30pm
2017	
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singing at Ashurst
2017	Place
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Dragons Christmas
	Concert at Tunbridge Wells
2017	Baptist Church
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Badgers Nativity St Johns
2017	Church
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term for Little
2017	Dragons
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	St George's Closes for
2017	Christmas
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	St George's Re-opens
2018	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Little Dragons Re-starts
2018	

Don't forget if you have any questions about your child's care or St George's in general then please let us know.

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Thanks so much for your support,

Morgane and the St George's team

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